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PLAINTEXT SONGBIRD 4TH AAA BATTALION REPORTS ON SHOOTDOWNS

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FM, ((4TH AAA BATTALION)), LAN ((1)) ((LAAN)) TO, ((NOT SPECIFIED IN TEXT))
 PREC, ----- NR, ((M)) ((XGR/NDM)) THE STRIKE EXPERIENCE OF THE 44TH ((AAA))
 BATTALION ((2)) OF BINH TRAM 37 ((3)). ON ROUTE 22 (AKA ROUTE 99) THEY USED ONE
 ARTILLERY WEAPON TO STRIKE DOWN TWO OV-10'S. AT 0700G ON 23 MARCH 71, AN OV-10
 RECONNOITERED IN THE AEA OF THE ((44TH AAA)) BATTALION. PROTECTING THE
 BATTALION AS ORDERED, COMPANY 11 ((1GRM)) ONE WEAPON TO STRIKE WELL AND KNOCK
 DOWN ((THE OV-10)). THE ALTI- TUDE WAS 1000 METTERS, THE RANGE WAS 3000
 METTERS, F ((4)) WAS LESS THAN 500, AND THE VELOCITY WAS 60 ((METERS PER
 SECOND)). THE OV-10 WENT DOWN ON THE SPOT ABOUT 60 METERS FROM THE ROAD. ONE
 ((PILOT)) BAILED OUT AND ONE WAS KILLED. THEY CAPTURED THE ONE PILOT ((WHO
 BAILED OUT)). THEY EXPENDED THREE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. AT 1020G ANOTHER
 OV-10CAME TO RECONNOITER. ALTITUDE -- 1400 METERS; RANGE-- 2400 METERS;
 SPEED--700 ((SIC)) ((METERS PER SECOND)). THEY SHOT IT DOWN ON THE SPOT KILLING
 THE PIRATE PILOT. WE MUST GAIN EXPERIENCE FROM THIS IN ORDER TO VICTORIOUSLY
 STRIKE OV-10'S. ((WE MUST)) STRIKE INDEPENDENTLY AND SUDDENLY, STEADILY
 FOLLOWING THE FLIGHT PATH ((OF THE AIRCRAFT)). THE COMPANIES MUST CONSTANTLY
 PRACTICE USING ONE WEAPON TO STRIKE WELL AND GAIN XPERIENCE IN ADJUSTING THE
 LINE OF FIRE. ((1)) PERSONALITY A/W 4TH AAA BATTALION ((2)) THE 44TH AAA
 BATTALION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN NOTED AS SUBOR- DINATE TO XINH TRAM 34; THE
 MENTION OF ROUTE 22 IN TEXT WOULD TEND HO INDICATE THAT THE 44TH AAA BATTALION
 IS STILL OPERXATING IN THE AP OF BINH TRAM 34, MAKING THE VALIDITY OF ITS
 RESUBORDINA- TION TO BICH TRAM 37 DOUBTFUL ((3)) LOC WZ21 2000M OF YB 442 394,
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